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RESPONSE (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2006 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and the appropriate fee. This Response therefore is timely filed. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks for the purpose of putting the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4. **Remarks** begin on page 10.